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Section III:
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the
DRAWINGS

No amendments or changes to the Drawings are proposed.

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Section IV:
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REMARKS

Allowable Claims

In the Office Action, examiner indicated the allowability of Claims 1 - 10 and 17 - 19.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action, claims 11 - 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter, and more particularly for reciting a combination of functional descriptive material (e.g. a computer program), and non-functional descriptive material (e.g. the data files).

Applicant believes there may be a typographical error in the Office Action at line 14 of page 2, wherein it reads "Claims 1 and 2 16 are rejected as being a combination ...", where the typewritten "2" is overwritten by hand with the number "1". As claims 1 and 16 belong to separate groups of claims, as item 5 (page 2) of the Office Action indicates claims 1 - 10 are allowable, and as item 5 on the Office Action Summary sheet indicates claims 1 - 10 are allowable, it is believed by the applicant that this passage was intended to read "Claim 11 is rejected as being a combination...". If this is not a correct understanding of the Office Action, applicant respectfully requests a brief telephone interview to determine the actual claims being rejected.

Under this assumption, Claim 11 has been amended herein to recite a "hardware platform", such as a PC or other computer, thus rendering the claim clearly directed towards statutory matter (e.g. an apparatus). No new matter is added by this amendment (pg. 7 lines 8 - 12, pg. 8 lines 13 - 16).

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections, and allowance of claims 11 - 16.

Respectfully,

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